Table 36 (page 1 of 4). Death rates for all causes, according to sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–99

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950¹	1960¹	1970	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999
All persons				Deaths	per 100,000	resident po	pulation			
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,446.0	1,339.2	1,222.6	1,039.1	988.1	938.7	902.4	887.3	875.8	881.9
	963.8	954.7	945.3	878.3	876.9	863.8	872.5	864.7	864.7	877.0
Under 1 years. 1–4 years. 5–14 years 15–24 years 25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–64 years 65–74 years 75–84 years 85 years and over	3,299.2 139.4 60.1 128.1 178.7 358.7 853.9 1,901.0 4,104.3 9,331.1 20,196.9	2,696.4 109.1 46.6 106.3 146.4 299.4 756.0 1,735.1 3,822.1 8,745.2 19,857.5	2,142.4 84.5 41.3 127.7 157.4 314.5 730.0 1,658.8 3,582.7 8,004.4 16,344.9	1,288.3 63.9 30.6 115.4 135.5 227.9 584.0 1,346.3 2,994.9 6,692.6 15,980.3	1,088.1 51.8 26.5 94.9 124.4 207.7 519.3 1,294.2 2,862.8 6,398.7 15,712.4	971.9 46.8 24.0 99.2 139.2 223.2 473.4 1,196.9 2,648.6 6,007.2 15,327.4	755.7 38.3 21.7 89.6 126.7 221.3 445.9 1,094.1 2,538.4 5,803.1 15,327.2	738.7 35.8 20.8 86.2 115.0 203.2 430.8 1,063.6 2,509.8 5,728.2 15,345.2	751.3 34.6 19.9 82.3 109.6 423.5 1,030.7 2,495.1 5,703.2 15,111.7	731.4 34.7 19.2 81.2 108.3 199.2 427.3 1,021.8 2,484.3 5,751.3 15,476.1
Male										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,674.2	1,609.0	1,542.1	1,348.1	1,278.1	1,202.8	1,117.5	1,090.5	1,064.6	1,061.8
	1,106.1	1,104.5	1,090.3	976.9	948.6	918.4	896.4	880.8	876.4	882.0
Under 1 year. 1-4 years 5-14 years 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-44 years 45-54 years 55-64 years 65-74 years 75-84 years 85 years and over	3,728.0	3,059.3	2,410.0	1,428.5	1,219.9	1,082.8	828.0	812.8	818.2	801.5
	151.7	119.5	93.2	72.6	58.5	52.4	42.2	39.7	37.6	38.5
	70.9	55.7	50.5	36.7	31.8	28.5	25.4	24.0	23.4	22.2
	167.9	152.1	188.5	172.3	138.9	147.4	130.6	124.0	119.3	115.9
	216.5	187.9	215.3	196.1	179.6	204.3	178.6	160.1	151.7	150.2
	428.8	372.8	402.6	299.2	278.9	310.4	298.1	265.7	258.5	256.7
	1,067.1	992.2	958.5	767.3	671.6	610.3	573.8	550.5	542.8	546.7
	2,395.3	2,309.5	2,282.7	1,815.1	1,711.4	1,553.4	1,388.7	1,336.6	1,296.9	1,280.0
	4,931.4	4,914.4	4,873.8	4,105.2	3,856.3	3,491.5	3,233.4	3,191.2	3,143.7	3,109.3
	10,426.0	10,178.4	10,010.2	8,816.7	8,501.6	7,888.6	7,249.8	7,116.1	7,019.2	6,999.8
	21,636.0	21,186.3	17,821.5	18,801.1	18,614.1	18,056.6	17,547.7	17,461.9	16,763.3	16,931.3
Female										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,236.0	1,105.3	971.4	817.9	784.5	750.9	742.8	736.3	732.7	743.6
	823.5	809.2	807.8	785.3	809.1	812.0	849.7	849.2	853.5	872.2
Under 1 years. 1–4 years. 5–14 years 15–24 years 25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–64 years 65–74 years 75–84 years 85 years and over	2,854.6	2,321.3	1,863.7	1,141.7	950.6	855.7	680.0	661.1	681.3	658.1
	126.7	98.4	75.4	54.7	44.8	41.0	34.3	31.8	31.4	30.8
	48.9	37.3	31.8	24.2	21.0	19.3	17.8	17.4	16.2	16.1
	89.1	61.3	68.1	57.5	49.6	49.0	46.2	46.3	43.5	44.7
	142.7	106.6	101.6	75.9	69.4	74.2	74.7	69.9	68.1	66.9
	290.3	229.4	231.1	159.3	138.7	137.9	145.4	141.4	141.5	142.5
	641.5	526.7	517.2	412.9	375.2	342.7	323.3	316.1	309.6	313.1
	1,404.8	1,196.4	1,098.9	934.3	925.6	878.8	826.7	815.2	788.4	786.5
	3,333.2	2,871.8	2,579.7	2,144.7	2,096.9	1,991.2	1,979.0	1,959.0	1,967.7	1,972.9
	8,399.6	7,633.1	6,677.6	5,440.1	5,162.1	4,883.1	4,868.3	4,820.5	4,831.9	4,915.4
	19,194.7	19,008.4	15,518.0	14,746.9	14,553.9	14,274.3	14,444.7	14,492.3	14,427.4	14,861.2
White male										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,642.5	1,586.0	1,513.7	1,317.6	1,249.8	1,165.9	1,086.1	1,062.5	1,038.5	1,035.8
	1,089.5	1,098.5	1,086.7	983.3	963.6	930.9	918.1	906.3	904.4	911.2
Under 1 year. 1-4 years 5-14 years 15-24 years 25-34 years 35-44 years 45-54 years 55-64 years 65-74 years 75-84 years 85 years and over	3,400.5	2,694.1	2,113.2	1,230.3	1,056.5	896.1	683.3	678.1	673.8	658.1
	135.5	104.9	83.6	66.1	52.8	45.9	37.1	35.1	32.5	33.9
	67.2	52.7	48.0	35.0	30.1	26.4	23.2	22.1	21.2	20.3
	152.4	143.7	170.8	167.0	134.2	131.3	113.9	109.0	107.6	104.9
	185.3	163.2	176.6	171.3	158.8	176.1	154.8	140.3	133.9	134.5
	380.9	332.6	343.5	257.4	243.1	268.2	259.6	235.3	232.7	231.5
	984.5	932.2	882.9	698.9	611.7	548.7	515.5	495.8	489.6	494.2
	2,304.4	2,225.2	2,202.6	1,728.5	1,625.8	1,467.2	1,305.2	1,252.4	1,215.5	1,200.2
	4,864.9	4,848.4	4,810.1	4,035.7	3,770.7	3,397.7	3,158.3	3,122.7	3,082.3	3,043.2
	10,526.3	10,299.6	10,098.8	8,829.8	8,486.1	7,844.9	7,205.5	7,086.0	6,988.5	6,965.1
	22,116.3	21,750.0	18,551.7	19,097.3	18,980.1	18,268.3	17,870.5	17,767.1	17,048.3	17,202.1

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Table 36 (page 2 of 4). Death rates for all causes, according to sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–99

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950¹	1960¹	1970	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999
Black male										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,909.1 1,257.7	1,811.1 1,181.7	1,873.9 1,186.6	1,697.8 1,034.1	1,634.5 989.3	1,644.5 1,008.0	1,513.9 939.9	1,446.7 893.9	1,410.6 877.7	1,412.5 880.0
Under 1 year.  1–4 years <sup>2</sup> 5–14 years  15–24 years  25–34 years  35–44 years  45–54 years  55–64 years  65–74 years  75–84 years <sup>3</sup> 85 years and over	1,412.6 95.1 289.7 503.5 878.1 1,905.0 3,773.2 5,310.3 10,101.9	5,306.8 208.5 75.1 212.0 402.5 762.0 1,624.8 3,316.4 5,798.7 8,605.1 14,844.8	4,298.9 150.5 67.1 320.6 559.5 956.6 1,777.5 3,256.9 5,803.2 9,454.9 12,222.3	2,586.7 110.5 47.4 209.1 407.3 689.8 1,479.9 2,873.0 5,131.1 9,231.6 16,098.8	2,219.9 90.1 42.3 173.6 351.9 630.2 1,292.9 2,779.8 5,172.4 9,262.3 15,774.2	2,112.4 85.8 41.2 252.2 430.8 699.6 1,261.0 2,618.4 4,946.1 9,129.5 16,954.9	1,748.2 71.4 38.1 233.0 361.0 629.2 1,190.6 2,395.1 4,431.5 8,614.9 16,006.3	1,671.6 67.2 34.8 215.8 308.6 523.7 1,114.1 2,320.0 4,298.3 8,296.8 16,083.5	1,717.8 69.2 35.6 194.6 282.0 483.1 1,082.6 2,269.3 4,186.0 8,311.4 15,540.9	1,694.0 66.0 34.6 185.6 268.4 473.6 1,081.9 2,244.0 4,182.8 8,352.6 16,047.8
American Indian or Alaska Native male <sup>4</sup>										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude				1,111.5 597.1	926.1 492.5	916.2 476.4	838.5 489.8	880.3 519.2	856.7 513.2	842.0 513.3
Under 1 year. 1–4 years 5–14 years 15–24 years 25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–64 years 65–74 years				1,598.1 82.7 43.7 311.1 360.6 556.8 871.3 1,547.5 2,968.4 5,607.0	1,080.0 105.3 39.2 214.4 275.0 363.5 687.9 1,319.1 2,692.3 5,572.7	1,056.6 77.4 33.4 219.8 256.1 365.4 619.9 1,211.3 2,461.7 5,389.2	874.4 72.9 37.8 174.7 260.0 370.0 580.2 1,348.0 2,640.7 4,633.8	903.0 51.6 28.7 180.3 245.4 389.3 673.4 1,409.6 2,847.2 4,796.3	1,028.1 64.7 29.5 166.4 235.1 373.6 664.2 1,376.9 2,682.8 4,471.3	839.5 59.4 23.1 183.5 218.5 362.1 683.1 1,321.8 2,816.8 4,653.0
75–84 years				12,635.2	8,900.0	11,243.9	7,686.7	7,888.1	8,486.2	6,946.2
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude				786.5 375.3	755.4 344.6	716.4 334.3	678.0 350.7	671.1 351.7	642.3 349.8	640.6 352.7
Under 1 year. 1–4 years 5–14 years 15–24 years 25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–64 years 65–74 years 75–84 years 85 years and over				816.5 50.9 23.4 80.8 83.5 128.3 342.3 881.1 2,236.1 5,389.5 13,753.6	750.0 43.4 22.5 76.0 77.3 114.4 284.8 869.4 2,102.0 5,551.2 12,750.0	605.3 45.0 20.7 76.0 79.6 130.8 287.1 789.1 2,041.4 5,008.6 12,446.3	457.6 24.6 17.1 73.2 75.6 125.0 277.0 726.3 1,948.4 4,844.3 11,637.4	426.3 25.5 17.3 67.2 71.8 115.7 274.8 750.8 1,892.6 4,749.1 11,796.3	397.0 17.6 17.6 59.9 74.4 108.2 276.2 709.3 1,838.7 4,534.8 11,178.6	403.4 26.6 12.9 58.7 68.4 112.4 252.2 701.6 1,808.0 4,581.6 11,343.5
Hispanic male <sup>6</sup> All ages, age adjusted					889.2	886.4	795.9	760.2	743.7	736.0
All ages, crude Under 1 year. 1–4 years 5–14 years 15–24 years					374.6 1,044.6 53.8 23.0 147.5	411.6 921.8 53.8 26.0 159.3	381.3 686.2 37.3 23.5 140.3	360.5 654.3 34.1 18.7 129.1	366.4 678.5 33.1 20.2 128.8	367.9 655.3 34.3 19.4 124.9
25–34 years 35–44 years 45–54 years 55–64 years 65–74 years 75–84 years 85 years and over					202.1 290.1 495.7 1,129.4 2,484.9 5,696.1 12,156.2	1,123.7 2,368.2 5,369.1	175.0 279.7 493.7 1,032.0 2,245.4 4,966.4 10,617.7	154.5 235.7 456.1 957.8 2,251.7 4,750.3 10,487.1	148.4 226.6 449.3 966.3 2,284.9 4,564.6 9,946.7	151.6 226.0 456.3 962.6 2,219.4 4,525.1 9,842.3

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Table 36 (page 3 of 4). Death rates for all causes, according to sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–99

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950¹	1960¹	1970	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999
White, non-Hispanic male <sup>6</sup>				Deaths	per 100,000	resident po	opulation			
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude					1,215.6 956.3	1,170.9 985.9	1,089.9 982.1	1,070.8 977.3	1,047.0 974.7	1,045.1 984.7
Under 1 year					1,002.0	865.4	654.6	662.4	651.5	636.5
1–4 years					48.8 28.9	43.8 25.7	36.2 22.5	34.8 22.4	31.8 21.0	32.9 20.1
15–24 years					125.0	123.4	105.6	102.7	101.2	98.7
25–34 years					151.2 231.8	165.3 257.1	147.2 252.3	134.8 231.4	128.1 229.7	128.4 228.2
45–54 years					587.7	544.5	509.0	494.0	487.2	491.6
55–64 years					1,550.7 3.648.1	1,479.7 3,434.5	1,308.7 3,181.1	1,264.7 3,154.6	1,224.0 3,112.5	1,208.0 3,077.6
65–74 years					8,361.0	7,920.4	7,274.5	7,154.7	7,072.8	7,057.5
85 years and over					18,635.3	18,505.4	18,110.1	18,066.9	17,363.4	17,539.1
White female										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,198.0 803.3	1,074.4 800.9	944.0 812.6	796.1 806.1	764.3 840.1	728.8 846.9	723.3 896.2	718.3 897.8	715.1 903.7	725.7 924.1
Under 1 year	2,566.8	2,007.7	1,614.6	962.5	799.3	690.0	558.0	546.0	563.6	532.6
1–4 years	112.2 45.1	85.2 34.7	66.1 29.9	49.3 22.9	40.0 19.5	36.1 17.9	28.5 16.4	28.0 15.6	27.5 15.0	27.4 14.9
15–24 years	71.5	54.9	61.6	55.5	48.1	45.9	42.7	43.8	41.2	42.2
25–34 years	112.8 235.8	85.0 191.1	84.1 193.3	65.4 138.2	59.4 121.9	61.5 117.4	62.7 121.6	60.0 120.9	58.5 122.0	58.4 123.3
35–44 years	546.4	458.8	462.9	372.7	341.7	309.3	290.5	285.0	278.3	281.8
55–64 years	1,293.8	1,078.9	1,014.9	876.2	869.1	822.7	779.5	766.3	740.6	739.1
65–74 years	3,242.8 8,481.5	2,779.3 7,696.6	2,470.7 6,698.7	2,066.6 5,401.7	2,027.1 5,111.6	1,923.5 4,839.1	1,919.8 4,826.5	1,900.5 4,786.3	1,912.9 4,792.7	1,916.2 4,869.7
85 years and over	19,679.5	19,477.7	15,980.2	14,979.6	14,745.4	14,400.6	14,642.9	14,681.4	14,620.4	15,053.8
Black female										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude	1,545.5 1,002.0	1,369.7 905.0	1,228.7 829.2	1,033.3 733.3	994.4 734.2	975.1 747.9	956.3 753.5	940.7 742.8	938.2 746.4	955.0 761.3
Under 1 year		4,162.2	3,368.8	2,123.7	1,821.4	1,735.5	1,444.0	1,383.9	1,390.1	1,403.3
1–4 years <sup>2</sup>	1,139.3 72.8	173.3 53.8	129.4 43.8	84.4 30.5	71.1 28.6	67.6 27.5	63.7 25.9	51.0 27.2	53.9 23.1	51.5 22.6
15–24 years	213.1	107.5	111.9	70.5	59.6	68.7	66.8	62.0	58.0	60.1
25–34 years	393.3	273.2	231.0	150.0	137.6	159.5	153.8	134.6	130.0	122.0
35–44 years	758.1 1,576.4	568.5 1,177.0	533.0 1,043.9	323.9 768.2	276.5 667.6	298.6 639.4	316.4 610.1	287.1 590.4	284.9 582.0	282.6 581.0
55–64 years	3,089.4	2,510.9	1,986.2	1,561.0	1,532.5	1,452.6	1,311.7	1,307.3	1,272.2	1,255.7
65–74 years	4,000.2 8,347.0	4,064.2 6,730.0	3,860.9 6,691.5	3,057.4 6,212.1	2,967.8 6,078.0	2,865.7 5,688.3	2,787.0 5.775.9	2,739.7 5,669.3	2,724.6 5,813.8	2,732.1 6.002.7
85 years and over		13,052.6	10,706.6	12,367.2	12,703.0	13,309.5	13,398.5	13,701.7	13,580.5	14,262.9
American Indian or Alaska Native female <sup>4</sup>										
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude				662.4 380.1	577.2 342.5	561.8 330.4	590.5 396.0	574.0 392.6	582.2 407.0	608.5 431.2
Under 1 year				1,352.6	910.5	688.7	718.2	646.1	825.0	772.5
1–4 years				87.5	54.8	37.8	67.1	66.8	53.5	43.1
5–14 years				33.5 90.3	23.0 72.8	25.5 69.0	23.7 62.5	22.2 57.5	19.6 64.1	21.7 67.5
25–34 years				178.5	121.5	102.3	108.9	116.3	118.3	124.2
35–44 years				286.0 491.4	185.6 415.5	156.4 380.9	196.3 435.4	195.6 387.4	195.1 388.3	211.5 365.0
45–54 years				837.1	851.9	805.9	862.2	866.9	863.6	960.4
65–74 years				1,765.5	1,630.3	1,679.4	1,878.8	1,920.5	1,932.4	2,042.0
75–84 years				3,612.9 8,567.4	3,200.0 7,740.0	3,073.2 8,201.1	3,657.1 6,193.5	3,531.6 5,773.6	3,440.5 6,366.9	3,673.0 6,395.1
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Table 36 (page 4 of 4). Death rates for all causes, according to sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age: United States, selected years 1950–99

Sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age	1950 <sup>1</sup>	1960¹	1970	1980	1985	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999
Asian or Pacific Islander female <sup>5</sup>				D	eaths per 10	0,000 reside	nt population	1		
					456.7		433.2	429.7	420.4	424.0
All ages, age adjusted All ages, crude				425.9 222.5	224.9	469.3 234.3	257.9	264.3	262.5	272.8
Under 1 year				755.8	622.0	518.2	347.4	343.7	380.2	373.4
1–4 years				35.4	36.8	32.0	25.6	24.7	19.9	19.4
5–14 years				21.5	19.1	13.0	11.4	13.8	12.4	11.5
15–24 years				32.3	30.7	28.8	30.6	33.4	28.8	29.1
25–34 years				45.4	36.5	37.5	35.4	32.4	33.7	32.4
35–44 years				89.7	77.8	69.9	68.7	74.1	61.6	60.6
45–54 years				214.1	184.9	182.7	173.8	166.6	160.5	173.5
55–64 years				440.8	468.0	483.4	417.7	423.4	412.9	430.6
65–74 years				1,027.7	1,130.8	1,089.2	1,090.8	1,117.3	1,083.1	1,106.1
75–84 years				2,833.6 7,923.3	2,873.9 9,808.3	3,127.9 10,254.0	3,118.8 8,599.1	3,052.1 8,414.1	2,917.4 8,618.4	2,980.1 8,396.6
Hispanic female <sup>6</sup>				7,920.0	3,000.5	10,254.0	0,555.1	0,414.1	0,010.4	0,390.0
'										
All ages, age adjusted					546.1	537.1	500.5	493.0	478.2	490.1
All ages, crude					251.9	285.4	289.8	288.0	283.6	293.7
Under 1 year					791.4	746.6	540.2	572.3	568.7	565.9
1–4 years					42.3	42.1	29.6	28.4	27.6	29.8
5–14 years					16.0	17.3	16.9	15.6	14.1	14.4
15–24 years					36.2	40.6	39.2	38.3	34.0	36.4
25–34 years					56.3	62.9	61.1	54.6	51.0	51.8
35–44 years					100.0	109.3	108.2	101.1	96.7	99.9
45–54 years					251.3	253.3	231.8	228.3	225.8	226.7
55–64 years					619.7	607.5	580.9	580.3	543.6	536.0
65–74 years					1,449.5	1,453.8	1,400.0	1,381.9	1,384.3	1,366.8
75–84 years					3,551.8	3,351.3	3,279.4	3,220.5	3,140.1	3,245.6
85 years and over					10,228.6	10,098.7	8,783.9	8,708.6	8,336.0	8,838.7
White, non-Hispanic female <sup>6</sup>										
All ages, age adjusted					754.3	734.6	729.5	725.3	723.8	734.9
All ages, crude					861.7	903.6	965.0	971.2	982.5	1,007.4
Under 1 year					763.0	655.3	541.1	519.6	544.6	505.6
1–4 years					36.5 19.0	34.0 17.6	27.8 15.9	27.3 15.3	27.0	26.2
5–14 years					47.9	46.0	42.4	44.1	14.9 41.9	14.8 42.6
15–24 years					59.0	60.6	61.7	60.0	58.7	58.6
25–34 years					122.8	116.8	121.1	121.7	123.7	124.8
35–44 years					335.7	312.1	292.0	287.3	280.5	284.5
45–54 years					853.3	834.5	787.6	775.7	751.3	751.0
65–74 years					1,998.1	1,940.2	1,937.1	1,920.3	1,935.8	1,942.9
75–84 years					5,059.1	4,887.3	4,868.1	4,831.1	4,847.8	4,926.2
85 years and over					14,560.4	14,533.1	14,826.1	14,864.0	14,839.2	15,284.6
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<sup>- - -</sup> Data not available.

NOTES: Age-adjusted rates for all years differ from those shown in previous editions of *Health, United States*. Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the year 2000 standard population starting with *Health, United States, 2001*. See Appendix II, Age adjustment. The race groups, white, black, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaska Native, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic corigin. Conversely, persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Bias in death rates results from inconsistent race identification between the death certificate (source of data for numerator of death rates) and data from the Census Bureau (denominator); and from undercounts of some population groups in the census. The net effects of misclassification and under coverage result in death rates estimated to be overstated by 1 percent for the white population and 5 percent for the black population; and death rates estimated to be understated by 21 percent for American Indians, 11 percent for Asians, and 2 percent for Hispanics (Rosenberg HM, Maurer JD, Sorlie PD, Johnson NJ, et al. Quality of death rates by race and Hispanic origin: A summary of current research, 1999. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(128). 1999). Some rates for Hispanic and non-Hispanic white for 1985 (and 1986–89, 1991 available electronically) were revised and differ from the previous edition of *Health, United States*. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>In 1950 rate is for the age group under 5 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>In 1950 rate is for the age group 75 years and over.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Interpretation of trends should take into account that population estimates for American Indians increased by 45 percent between 1980 and 1990, partly due to better enumeration techniques in the 1990 decennial census and to the increased tendency for people to identify themselves as American Indian in 1990.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Interpretation of trends should take into account that the Asian population in the United States more than doubled between 1980 and 1990, primarily due to immigration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Excludes data from States lacking an Hispanic-origin item on their death certificates. See Appendix I, National Vital Statistics System.